

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Income-tax demand outstanding as on 30.9.1991 (Rs. in Crores)</i>
ii. Individuals and other non-company assesses.	821	52.44
Total	940	74.67

In view of large number of these cases, it is not practicable to collect and indicate the amount of demand outstanding in each individual case. If Hon'ble Member wants information about any particular case the same can be collected and furnished.

(c) Apart from the action permissible under the Income-tax law for the recovery of tax dues, suitable administrative steps are continuously taken to reduce the tax arrears. Legal actions include levy of penalty for non-payment, issue of garnishee orders to attach bank accounts, debts etc. drawing up of tax recovery statements by Tax Recovery Officers enabling them to effect recovery by attachment/sale of assets, appointment of receiver for managing defaulter's property, arrest of defaulters, etc; in appropriate cases. Administratively, Action Plan targets have been fixed for reduction of outstanding demands and the progress of recovery is monitored at various levels. In cases where bigger demands are outstanding, the Assessing Officers are required to send dossier reports indicating the progress in the recovery of taxes and these reports are reviewed at the level of Commissioner of Income-tax and above. Since a large part of the demand is disputed in appeals etc. steps have also been taken for expeditious disposal of appeals.

Irregularities in D.G.S. & D.

3623. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR
SHRI SIMON MARANDI

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be

pleased to state:

(a) whether several instances of irregularities committed by the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) as reported in the Press from time to time during the last two years have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted by the C.B.I. in this regard;

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check the irregularities in the functioning of DGS&D?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). Reports in some newspapers relating to de-registration of drug firms have come to the notice of the Government. The matter was duly investigated but no irregularities were found.

(c) Government did not consider it necessary for ordering any enquiry by the CBI.

(d) and (e). Does not arise.

Inflow of NRI Funds

3624. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: